

January 19, 2017

Bill Ross, Interim Secretary
N.C. Department of Environmental Quality
1601 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1601

RE: Complaint -- Archie Elledge Waste Water Treatment Plant in Winston-Salem, NC
(2801 Griffith Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103)

Dear Mr. Ross:

My name is Kathy J. Hines and I live in the Griffith Park subdivision (single-family housing), which is near the Archie Elledge Waste Water Treatment Plant in Winston-Salem, NC. Ever since I moved into the neighborhood, I have suffered from the air pollution/odor that is created by the waste water treatment plant. Not only does the pollution/odor saturate the fresh air in the neighborhood, the pollution and odor enter my house.

Whenever the waste water treatment plant performs its operations during the night and early morning hours, I smell the noxious pollution/odor inside my home. It wakes me from my sleep. I breathe in the contamination. I cannot open my windows to air out the house because the air in the neighborhood is contaminated. I have to open my windows to air out my house during the day light hours, as the gases burn off during the day.

I have complained to your department before now and no actions have been taken. I have complained to the city of Winston-Salem and other agencies but no one has done anything about this matter.

If the N.C. Department of Environment Quality tests for compliance during the nights and early morning hours during the times that the Elledge waste water treatment plant is creating the air pollution, I have no doubt that the plant would fail inspection.

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It is unreasonable and unethical for any city to allow residential building permits for an area that is already polluted and unhealthy for families to live. The city of Winston-Salem already knew that the waste water treatment plant is the source of contaminating the air in that area. They informed me that they invested in odor scrubbing technology regarding air quality. Why allow residential development in an area where the city is creating dangerous gases? The city's representatives indicate that they upgraded the plant with odor scrubbing technology by spending \$52 million. Yet, the contamination is still present. The air quality is poor and I am suffering and no doubt others who live in the neighborhood are too. There are children who live and play in this unhealthy environment.

I am asking the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to put a moratorium on all operations of the Archie Elledge Waste Water Treatment Plant until such time the city of Winston-Salem stops polluting and contaminating the air of the residents who reside in the Griffith Park neighborhood and nearby residential areas. Again, there is no doubt in my mind that if the air quality in the neighborhood is inspected during the nights and early mornings when the plant is operating and creating the noxious gases, the waste water treatment plant would fail inspection.

Please let me know if I need to provide you with additional information regarding this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Kathy J. Hines

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Winston-Salem, NC 27103